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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
M. Egawa, et al.

Serial No.: 09/989,459

Art Unit: 1619

Filed: November 21, 2001

Examiner: L. Wells

For: Method of Treating Environmental Stress

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

NON-FEE AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the official Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.121 mailed September 5, 2003, the undersigned has attached hereto a revised "Amendment to the Claims" section of the amendment filed herein on August 27, 2003. In particular, the "Amendment to the Claims" section has been revised to properly indicate that Claims 5-12 and 17-19 have been previously cancelled herein.

It is believed that the attached revised "Amendment to the Claims" satisfies the requirement of the instant Notice identified above. In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance, and early action and allowance thereof is accordingly respectfully requested. In the

event there is any reason why the application cannot be allowed at the present time, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned at the number listed below to resolve any problems.

Respectfully submitted,

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